

To: All lovers of coincidence
From: Bobby Jorgensen
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Re: You never know where a MassProduction might take you.

In 1968 my 12-year-old son sang the lead role in "Amahl and the Night Visitors," a classic Christmas operetta, at the Roxbury Latin School and other locations in the Boston area and Newport, Rhode Island. Last fall, forty years later, I found an audio cassette tape my husband had recorded at one of the performances. During casual conversation that same week our friend, Mike Pojman, told us of finding a remarkably talented young man who does audio transferring services. Mike had just received the finished CDs that Paul Adams restored from old tapes saved from college days and he raved to us about the results. Lots of timing coincidences here and you get where this is going, but wait for the unexpected results.

Paul's beautifully reproduced CD was a surprise Christmas 2008 stocking stuffer for the now 52-year-old Amahl. As he listened to it the next day memories inspired him to "Google" the woman who had sung the role of his mother. He found she is alive, well and living a stone's throw from his son in Georgia. They had an hour-long telephone reunion sharing equally happy memories. She still had a program and photos of the show carefully filed away that she scanned and e-mailed to him. They are looking forward to an honest-to-goodness reunion next summer in Newport.

As Amahl's real mother, I love this happy ending! Thank you, Paul.

Bobby Jorgensen